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IMPORTANT BUILDINGS

Several New Structures to Be Erected Soon.

NEW CONCRETE BLOCKS

Stewart and Carlton Bros. Will Erect Fine Store Buildings of this Material.

The remainder of this summer will see great improvement, not only in business facilities, but in the appearance of Fort Pierce, in the new

nicely graded and when completed Mr. McCarty will have a pleasant and delightful home.

Faber Bros' Addition.

Faber Bros. have begun work on an addition to their popular restaurant and bakery, the addition being to the eastern end of the building. Besides this, all that part of the building which is not now two stories in height will be raised the extra story. The extra space thus secured will be used as a hotel. The present rubber roof will be replaced with iron. Mr. M. Davis is in charge of the work.

W. J. Nesbitt's Store.

The alterations in Nesbitt's store have been begun. The interior will be nicely painted and remodeled so as to be adapted to the new stock and a new system of shelving which will be installed.

It will be remembered that Mr. Nesbitt sold out his stock of groceries sometime since. He will carry a line of dry goods and notions, boots and shoes, and will make the handling of

OF NATIONAL REPUTATION

O. O. Poppleton, of Stuart, High Among Apiarists.

REGULAR VISITOR HERE

Each Year His Bees are Quartered on the Peninsula Opposite Fort Pierce.

Most people know something about bees—if it is only the fact that they usually accord to visitors a very warm reception—but it doubtful if the majority appreciate the magnitude of the bee-keeping industry of the United States. Perhaps but few residents of Fort Pierce are aware that we have among us at this season each year an apiarist of national reputation.

O. O. Poppleton of Stuart, a life-long specialist in bee-keeping, and one of the most prominent apiarists of America, comes each year with his several hundred hives of bees to the mangrove islands opposite Fort Pierce to secure the honey secreted during the period of bloom, through June, July and August, and in this way materially adds to his harvest of honey.

Mr. Poppleton has followed honey production as a business for thirty odd years, operating in the western states, Cuba and Southern Florida, and with his especially constructed boats and other appliances necessary in handling a modern apiary, appears to be doing a very prosperous business.

The honey is separated from the combs by a peculiar centrifugal machine, known to bee-keepers as an "extractor," without injury to the combs, which are returned to the hives to be refilled by the bees, when the operation is repeated again and again. Cypress barrels holding about 300 pounds each are used as shipping packages, and the "extracted" honey finds its way to the great trade centers of the north.

In conversation with a TRIBUNE representative this week Mr. Poppleton stated that the present season had been the poorest in his experience, as the flora had failed to secrete anything like its usual amount of honey, and while his honey harvest usually aggregates a number of tons, this season's output will be but a few thousand pounds.

At present, the work of rearing a large number of high class queen bees for his own use is in progress on the islands and when this is completed preparations will be made for returning the bees to their winter quarters on the St. Lucie river.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS AND ICE FOR ALL

Work on the New Plant is Progressing—Machinery Nearly All Here.

Last week we gave a synopsis of the progress on the St. Lucie Ice and Electric Light company's property to that date. The old building had been entirely removed by the first of this week, and on Wednesday the framing of the new structure was begun.

Mr. Brewer, who is in charge of the work, has ten men helping him, but this force is insufficient to accomplish the work as rapidly as is desired, and during the coming week it will be increased to at least twenty.

With the exception of the boiler, which is on the way, the various parts of the ice plant have all arrived, and a portion of it has been unloaded. In two weeks it is expected that the work will be so well along as to allow the machinery to be installed.

The outfit is supplied by the Henry Vogt Co. of Louisville, Ky., who will send experts to superintend the installation. The old boiler will be repaired and reset in battery with the new one. The other parts of the old plant will be stacked and a shed built to protect them from the weather until they can be disposed of to advantage.

As the ice plant is shipped complete, with a building of just suitable size for its accommodation, it will be necessary to erect a separate building for the electric light machinery, the double boilers supplying steam for both.

Ice will be made in 300-pound cakes, instead of the 200-pound blocks generally supplied by smaller factories.

It is the intention of the owners to push the work on the ice plant to completion as quickly as possible, after which the electric light matter will be taken up. There is nothing definite to be made known about the latter at this time, except that we will have the lights before the year is out.

ENGINEERS ARE HERE.

They will Investigate the Needs of the Fort Pierce Canal.

Civil Engineers Alfred Newlander and M. S. Averette, of the land department of the Florida East Coast Railway are in Fort Pierce investigating

the conditions and possibilities of the new canal. That it does not accomplish the object for which it was built is very evident, and it is for this reason that these engineers are now here.

In conversation with THE TRIBUNE reporter the gentlemen said that their mission here is to determine the extent to which the canal must be enlarged in width and depth to thoroughly drain the prairies situated five miles west of Fort Pierce.

The railroad company and their allied landed interests are determined that the canal shall drain this territory, and when the report of the engineers is submitted, the question of future procedure will be determined.

A prominent official of the railroad announced last year, that if the one canal was not sufficient another would be put in, and our citizens may well have confidence in them that the work will continue until the entire country west of town is completely drained.

East Coast Railway Extension.

Work on the Florida East Coast railway extension to Key West is progressing rapidly. Each day the freight trains passing through Fort Pierce carry an immense quantity of material for road construction. Tuesday, a large pile driver, hollow steel tubes for casting cement piles, and other materials, passed through town, while Wednesday's freight had four cars of steel bridge decking. This shipment contained twenty pieces, seventy-five feet long and twelve feet wide. It is estimated that more than 1,000 men are now engaged in the work.

Governor's Appointments.

The following appointments relating to St. Lucie county have been made by the governor: Paul Kroegel, Sebastian, to be county commissioner for first district; W. T. Lane, Sebastian, justice of the peace for second district; H. G. Bronson, Fort Pierce, justice of the peace for third district; J. H. Baker, Jensen, justice of the peace for the fourth district; John F. Parker, Fort Drum, justice of the peace for fifth district.

Visited Clam Banks.

Thursday morning a party including Mrs. R. Whyte and little daughter; Mrs. S. W. Jennings and Miss Ina, Mr. Ball and family, met at the Riverview Hotel dock where they embarked on O. O. Poppleton's launch for the clam banks just below the inlet. A quantity of clams were secured and some beautiful shells were gathered. The party reached home about 11 o'clock, all feeling that they had had a most pleasant time.

Vacation is Over.

Conductor Grant returned on the 19th inst. from a month's vacation in Georgia and the Carolinas. With Mrs. Grant he spent a few days with his mother at Savannah, afterwards visiting Columbia, Statesville, Asheville, Hendersonville and Saluda, where Mrs. Grant will remain for some weeks. Mr. Grant reports a most pleasant time; the weather was cool and invigorating, and he enjoyed an abundance of delicious fruits.

Ladies' Aid Society Met.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid society at the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon was attended by a goodly number of the members. After the business program was disposed of refreshments were served and were greatly enjoyed. The remaining time was spent in pleasant conversation.

Must be a Mistake.

C. P. Stanford, Jr., returned not long since from Lakeland, where he has been visiting friends and relatives. It is said that he visited one of the girls quite often, but as he very strenuously denies this, it must be a mistake.

TO FURNISH COUNTY SITE

Resolution By Board of Trade So Proposed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

To Meet Town Council and County Commissioners—Resolution was Introduced By J. E. Andrews.

An important meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon in the office of Dittmar & McCarty. Those present were: C. T. McCarty, president; C. S. Emerson, secretary; H. G. Bronson, treasurer; A. C. Dittmar, A. B. Lowry, J. E. Andrews, M. F. Goldsmith, C. L. Faber, T. J. O'Brien and R. Whyte.

The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving reports of the Fourth of July committees, and closing up matters in connection with the celebration. The financial report showed that about \$300 had been collected and expended for the different events incident to the celebration. This amount had only to be supplemented by a few dollars from the funds of the Board of Trade to pay every obligation that was outstanding. Undoubtedly this is a record that few towns can boast.

On motion the chairman appointed a committee of three, composed of A. C. Dittmar, A. B. Lowry and T. J. O'Brien to make an examination of the drainage canal from the town westward to the prairie, and make a report of its efficiency, and to observe any improvements that would make it more efficient. One copy of the report to be filed with the Board of Trade and one to be forwarded to the Florida East Coast Railway officials for their information.

The following resolution was introduced by Jas. E. Andrews, and was adopted:

Whereas, The law creating St. Lucie county made Fort Pierce the temporary county site of the new county, and

Whereas, In such cases it is customary for the town so honored to make some concessions or inducements for the permanent location of the county seat within its limits, and as it will greatly enhance the value of all property and the interests of the holders thereof, and be to the advantage of the business of the town and the citizens in general, therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Board of Trade of Fort Pierce that the town furnish a good site for the county buildings to be erected on, and that a committee of three be appointed from this Board to confer with the town council of Fort Pierce and the County Commissioners of St. Lucie county relative to the same, and that the chairman of the Board of Trade be the chairman of this committee. The chairman appointed the following to serve on the committee: C. T. McCarty, W. J. Tucker and W. J. Nesbitt. The Board elected as members at this meeting the following business men of Fort Pierce: Fred Fee, K. B. Raulerson, G. S. Tucker and W. J. Tucker, and the secretary was instructed to notify them of their election.

The Fort Pierce Board of Trade is one of our live and progressive institutions and has done much for the benefit of the town. Among the most prominent results that it has accomplished may be stated that it has conducted two very successful Fourth of July celebrations; it was instrumental in securing the canal that has been built through

"From The Highest Authority."

FLORIDA, thanks to the last legislature, now has a new county—St. Lucie and, as was to have been expected, the new county has a new paper. It is published at Fort Pierce, and is called THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TRIBUNE. The new paper is published by A. K. Wilson and F. J. Reed, and is neatly printed, well gotten up, and well edited. The first issue is largely devoted to the new county, its organization, officials and prospects, and the newspaper fraternity throughout the state will welcome this latest addition to their exchange list, and wish THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TRIBUNE long life and prosperity.—Times-Union.

From the Next in Authority.

THE first issue of THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TRIBUNE, published at Fort Pierce, Fla., came to The Metropolis yesterday, and it is one of the prettiest weekly papers ever printed in the State. It shows excellent mechanical skill and arrangement and ability in reading matter. We extend hearty congratulations to Messrs. Wilson & Reed, editors and publishers. THE TRIBUNE is a valuable addition to Florida journalism.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Messrs. Wilson & Reed.

GENTLEMEN: We are in receipt of Vol. I, No. 1, of THE TRIBUNE, and congratulate you on its fine appearance. Savannah, Ga. M. S. & D. A. BYCK,

New Advertisements.

Following is a list of the new and changed advertisements in this issue of THE TRIBUNE:

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Benjamin Hogg has had J. O. Fries survey his property in the western part of town, dividing it into town lots.

Miss Lillie Trowell left on Tuesday of last week to visit her aunt, Mrs. L. Kennedy, of Charlotte, N. C.

the town, and secured the right of way to the town limits; its resolutions and active service aided greatly in the division of the county; and its efforts for the betterment of the town in general have been many. The Board is composed of twenty-six of our most progressive business men, and applications for membership are being filed at the rate of three a month.

There is much work yet in store for the Board, and it will prove its ability to cope with any problem.

Keep up with the local events by subscribing for THE TRIBUNE.



O. O. POPPLETON, THE BEE EXPERT.

re and office buildings as well as residences to be erected.

Some of these buildings will be of a substantial character, as they will be built of concrete blocks, made by the Fort Pierce Concrete works. The first of these blocks made here were used in reinforcing the walls of the Fort Pierce Bank, adding greatly to its appearance and solidity.

As these buildings will occupy an important place in the business of Fort Pierce, it will be worth while to mention them in some detail.

The Fee and Stewart Building. This firm, finding their ever increasing business is fast out-growing what were once commodious quarters, have recently decided to enlarge their store by erecting a building of concrete blocks, to be 50x70 feet, and two stories in height, with entrances on the street and Palmetto avenue. The first floor will be fitted as a modern store, with all appliances and conveniences for expediting business, while the upper floor will be fitted for offices. The cost will be about \$4,000. Architect Klapp will have charge of the work.

Fee and Stewart have for many years been one of the most prominent and enterprising business houses on the east, having stores both here and at Melbourne, and with their new quarters they will occupy a position in their line second to none.

The Carlton Building. Part of the material is now on the ground for a 40x70 foot structure, to be two stories in height and built of concrete, on the corner of Orange avenue and Pine street. This is the property of Messrs. Reuben and Wright Carlton. Architect Klapp showed the plans to THE TRIBUNE man, and when completed it will be a handsome and imposing building. The lower story will be partitioned into three store rooms, two of which will be 20x50 and the third 20x40 feet. The upper floor will be used as a hall. We understand that the store rooms are already engaged, and will be occupied as soon as completed.

McCarty's Residence.

Contractor Boykin has the frame up for Mr. C. T. McCarty's residence on River street, in the southern part of town. Mr. Boykin has his entire force of men employed on the contract and is giving it his personal attention. This will be one of the finest and most extensive residences in town and will cost in the neighborhood of \$3,000. The block on which it is situated has been

these goods a specialty. Mr. Nesbitt will leave in August to make a visit of some duration in New York, during which he will select his new stock and fixtures.

Other Projects.

H. I. Klapp, has under consideration, plans for an addition to P. P. Cobb's house, known as the Walter Bass place. Mr. Cobb has not yet made a final decision as to the details of the work, and it will be some little time before it is finished.

With characteristic energy, Messrs. Alexander and Ferdinand Libossart, the new arrivals from Turin, France, have begun work on their land in North Fort Pierce, lately purchased of Dittmar & McCarty. They have part of the material on the spot and have begun the erection of a comfortable dwelling.

Arrested for Forgery.

Tuesday afternoon Sheriff Lennard brought up James Lee, a negro, who was arrested at Eden on a charge of forgery. The complainant is Jas. A. Halsten, a young man who was at one time employed here in Cobb's store. He makes affidavit to the effect that the accused presented to him to be cashed, a check for \$18 drawn by W. C. Rawlinson, and that said check was found to be bogus and a forgery. The prisoner was given hearing Wednesday before Judge Andrews, and was bound over to the circuit court, sitting in September. Sheriff Lennard took Lee to Titusville Wednesday night, to be kept in the Brevard county jail until his trial, or until St. Lucie county builds a jail of its own.

Will Do Its Share.

THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY TRIBUNE is fairly entitled to all the praise the State press can bestow. THE TRIBUNE is the newest paper in Florida, having made its bow to the public last Friday at Fort Pierce, under the guiding hand of A. K. Wilson and F. J. Reed. It comes as a welcome addition to the state papers, for it is a clean, carefully edited and well printed sheet, a credit alike to owners and to the hustling town that has recently become the county seat of the new county of St. Lucie. THE TRIBUNE will no doubt do its share in advancing the interests of the beautiful and far-famed Indian River country.—The St. Augustine Record.

Mrs. C. Smith is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. Depew.